



My gun. Essploded. In my hand.



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MOOD:  intimidated

MUSIC: Ethel Merman - You Can't Get a Man With a Gun

No, really.

No, I'm not hurt, although my palm still stings like a son of a bitch.

But there was not supposed to be an Earth-shattering kaBOOM
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to=http%3A/www.thegunzone.com/glock/glock-kb-faq.html](https://www.livejournal.com/away?to=http%3A/www.thegunzone.com/glock/glock-kb-faq.html))!

At least I comfort myself that my range safety was better than this
dude's ([https://www.livejournal.com/away?
to=http%3A/www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3DQV3g4UaN0H8](https://www.livejournal.com/away?to=http%3A/www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3DQV3g4UaN0H8)).

And the look on

 [0metotchtli](https://0metotchtli.livejournal.com/) (<https://0metotchtli.livejournal.com/>)'s face when I
leaned around the bay and said "Hey Hafs, did you hear that?"
was really priceless.

The gun fired out of battery, the case failed, I had a really
interesting powder mark on my hand until I scrubbed it off, and I
think that's it for me and that Glock.

I never liked the damned thing anyway. Now I know it's mutual.

Think they'd let me carry a Nerf pistol from now on?

ETA: Mine looked more like this.
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to=http%3A/www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3Dg-EvhL3k-1o](https://www.livejournal.com/away?to=http%3A/www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3Dg-EvhL3k-1o))
Probably complete with disgusted cat face.



1) Okay, 0., She Wants Revenge = yes. It's like the Eighties rose up from the grave and came looking

Green Chile Robot Bread #1

Yes, baking with your hands is more fun. And the results have a better texture, and taste better.

All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If the dreams are you cleaning

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Eep. Glad you're okay.



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No more touching machinery for me this week. I'm two for two.



[bunny_m](#)

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meep!

That's a scary, scary thing, and not just because I was firing a .40 Glock on the weekend at all. 0.0

Glad to hear that you are (almost entirely) okay, though.

happy(non-explodey)thoughts

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I'm pretty sure I heard a beep-beep! But with the hearing protection, it's hard to tell.

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Glocks are kind of known for it, actually. And I can't argue with [trollcatz](#)'s assessment of the supervisory response.

Ow. My hand still hurts.



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You know, I don't need the damned thing to do any of the stuff I'm good at. And you'd all be safer if I didn't carry it.



 [Ometotchtli](#)

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Sweetie-pie, you will keep saying that. Until the day you need it.

This is not, I realize, doing any good to my plan to get you unscared of guns. But it is true.



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Waugh.

I am a crap Secret Agent Man.

(But y'know, secretly? That was a pretty awesome kaBOOM noise.)



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Just think of it as blowing stuff up!



 [Ometotchtli](#)

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I should have warned you: Glock started outsourcing to Acme.



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That explains *a lot*.



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The best part was the office reactions.

Wonder Woman: Wow, I had one of those once. You okay?

Cowboy: *facepalm* Did you get back on the horse?

Duke: That happened to me when I was shooting cobras in Thailand.

Dad: *the look that says, "Villette, I swear to god you do this on purpose to complicate my life."*

Mom: *eyebrow* *quick check for bandages* *drops blank requisition form on desk*



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They were certainly in character.

You forgot to mention:

Harpy: "Does it hurt when I do this? How about this? How about this?"



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Coyote (ears drooping, paws over nose): Ow. No. I hate *everything*. Ow.



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Do you blame me?

Back to the Sig. Maybe it will love me more.

(Chaz, rejected by everything!)



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We don't reject you, sweetie.

And you've still got cake left!



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ooo. CAKE.



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Good thing I got extra. Maybe I had a premonition.



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Wabbit's reaction: Oh, good. I've been trying to figure out how to get you something else. Let's see, (insert list of firearms manufacturer names followed by unintelligible strings of numbers and macho-sounding model names here)...

I like the water balloon idea. Or maybe a crossbow with suction-cup arrows.



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You could go all Green Arrow!

Mind if I start calling you "Oliver"?



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Will my answer affect the outcome?



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Punching bag arrows are so you.



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Fink. Judas. You made me laugh.



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So tomorrow we go try out the Sig, right?



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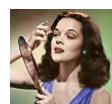
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grmph, mruf, fmfl. Sigh.

Oooo-kaay.

The requisition form was a pretty clear statement from management, after all.



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I know. I know. But consider the alternative.



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I am. But not very long or hard, really.



 [Ometotchtli](#)

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Superheroes never let the bad guys win.



 [tamnonlinear](#)

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I'm now picturing Dr. Heller, inventor of the world's largest assortment of non-lethal weapons, from [Mystery Men](#), particularly this exchange:

The Shoveller: Doctor, you **are** a genius.

Dr. Heller: That's what the card says.



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Mom's expression when she saw the popped out grip disassembled on my desk, by the way, was even better than yours when I asked if you'd noticed a particularly loud boom.



 [trollcatz](#)

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I wanted to tell her you killed it with your mind.



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Maybe if I blow up a few more....

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My sentiments exactly!

 [adarad](#)

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OUCH. I'm glad you're not hurt! Still, when one thing happens when you're expecting another, that must have been quite a surprise!

I'd carry water balloons on a bandolier.



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At the range, I never get what I expect.

That was just a little less expected than usual.



[uffer](#)

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Oww!

That's... nasty, and unnerving.

Maybe a paintball gun?



[cvillette](#)

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My predecessor already tested anvils and rocket sleds and found them less than satisfactory, but paint might help. How about a high-velocity semiautomatic glue gun?



[uffer](#)

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I think I remember a large vat of glue and a hosepipe in the hands of the said predecessor at some point. In any case, if you do go with this option, please pay attention to the wind direction and anything that might cause a sudden drop in your high velocity.

Having to wait around while your colleagues unglue you from the pavement might be... detrimental... to the professional image.



[txeanne](#)

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Heh. Just stay away from cliffs.

...oh. nevermind.



[calanthe_b](#)

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How about a Qualta blade?



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I could dice onions with it off-duty.

(Which is more than you can say for a projectile weapon.)



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See, that's the handy thing about a Qualta blade. You can use it for both!

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[bunny_m](#)

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Indeed, and it's even both non-lethal and humane, to boot.

(Which is good, given that dastardly roadrunner *always* maneuvers the poor, *innocent* *cough* Coyote into being on the wrong end of these devices.

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But *stylin'*.

[bunny_m](#)

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Indeed. And nothing says "Halt, or I *WILL* seriously injure you!" quite like having a SMLE with fixed bayonet pointed at you from 'short' range.

Major, *major* intimidation factor.



[cvillette](#)

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The holster issue would be interesting. But I have really long legs. I could sling it across my back like a freedom fighter, but freedom fighters never have to sit in desk chairs.



[I don't suppose...](#)

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... they'd let you carry a good, old fashioned 1911?

Not even if purchased from Springfield Armory?

(Yes, my old-fashioned is showing. *wry grin*)

Actually, you might want to consider a revolver. Much less prone to mechanical failure, easier to operate; the original Point and Click device. IF you can convince the Powers That Be to let you carry one of those, in

38/357, instead of the WunderNines, you should do just fine. (.454 Casull would have more... authority... on arrival; but those can be awful hard on the shooter, and an emphatically non-regulation round to boot.)

I love my Officers' Model 1911. But Revolvers Just Work. (As much as any firearm can be said to do so.)



[Re: I don't suppose...](#)

[Ometotchtli](#)

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Magazine size is the shortcoming there. Management figures if it loads ten rounds or less, it had better be your holdout.

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[Re: I don't suppose...](#)

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snicker

Still, if that's the waters you swim in...

sigh Ok. The SIG, or an HK USP, to appease Your Lords And Masters, and a "holdout" revolver that actually might get used?

From all your comments, I gather that Our Man Coyote might actually end up needing to shoot someone right back, ever' so often, and I have a strong preference for seeing him on the living side of such a day. More likely to happen if he's got a sidearm he can use well when it counts.



[Re: I don't suppose...](#)

[cvillette](#)

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Thanks for the vote of confidence. :-\

But you know, I'm not a sharpshooter, but I *do* qual. And I can clean and maintain a pistol. It's not *that hard*.

I think it's a little unfair to blame a slide malfunction on pilot error.



[Re: I don't suppose...](#)

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Well, it won't be the FIRST time I owe someone an apology.

(/embarrassed)

I'm not fussing about "pilot error". I'm fussing because of my reading of your posts as wishing you didn't have to carry -- and being in a job where you apparently **must** carry, not just to calm somebody down in management, but because there's a reasonable chance you will have to return fire.

I'm trying to think of alternatives that you can **trust**, given the above.

And not doing so very good a job, I fear. **wry**



[Re: I don't suppose...](#)

 [cvillette](#)

[April 30 2008, 00:09:19 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Apology accepted. And sorry in return; I misread your comment.

Field personnel. So yes, returning fire is a possibility. But I knew that when I took the job, and I worked hard to get it, and I try to maintain a professional level of competence even when I bitch about it.

I hate the damned things, honestly. They're only good for putting holes in people who didn't have holes in them before. But I also know that a good cop always tries to find another solution first.

And if you're acting in defense of an innocent, you're acting in defense of an innocent.

The good news is, most officers of the law never discharge their firearm in a combat situation.



[Re: I don't suppose...](#)

 [trollcatz](#)

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I have the same issues. And I used to try to plug up the holes made in people by people using the things, so there's also poetic justice and irony and stuff.

Totally not in it for the firefight, I guess I'm saying. Platypus is just more honest about it than I am.

 [beatriceeagle](#)

[April 29 2008, 19:38:48 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Spitballs and straw? But that would require that you carry a rather cumbersome amount of paper, wouldn't it?



 [cvillette](#)

[April 29 2008, 19:51:16 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

There's lots of room in the backpack!

(Wonder if I could have the spitballs pre-made and engineer an automatic feed system...)



[beatriceeagle](#)

[April 29 2008, 19:57:47 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

for the
deed's sake
have i
done the deed.

Why not? That's basically a gun with paper bullets and without a firing mechanism, anyway.



[cvillette](#)

[April 29 2008, 20:23:58 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Hmmm. You can do a pretty reliable gravity feed with a peashooter, but spitballs aren't as heavy. So you'd need some kind of carrier.



[beatriceeagle](#)

[April 29 2008, 21:05:37 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Well, I don't have much of a mechanical mind, so I can't help you there. I just think that the idea of a spitball superhero is really cool.

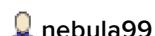


[cvillette](#)

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[COLLAPSE](#)

It totally is.



[nebula99](#)

[April 29 2008, 21:34:15 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Erm - owww? And eep?

Maybe consider net and trident? You could have a styling shoulder guard as well.



[cvillette](#)

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[COLLAPSE](#)

Platygladiatopus.



[nebula99](#)

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[COLLAPSE](#)

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A most excellent word that almost polkas round the mouth.



[Ometotchtli](#)

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[COLLAPSE](#)

There is a step-hop, step-hop in there. =:+3

 [bunny_m](#)

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lols, and get some very strange looks from customers for it

*tries to resist the urge to create a character and call it Pladyaitopus, complete with *styling shoulder guard*.

Ahh, creativity, how I've missed you. >.>



[No, no, I know!](#)

 [malthus25](#)

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[COLLAPSE](#)

Spear and magic hel-met!

Magic hel-met?

Magic hellllllllmet!



[Re: No, no, I know!](#)

 [cvillette](#)

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[COLLAPSE](#)

Dude.

THe wabbit? Can *kick my ass*.

 [eljefe](#)

[April 29 2008, 22:04:50 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Well, I bet that was eye opening. At least it didn't spit the slide at you like the old M9's liked too.

You know, you should ask for an MP5. It's easier to shoot than a pistol, they are an issue weapon, and since your email has the right 3 letters at the end HK will talk to you.

Plus it would really warp the minds of everyone in your office. *grin*



 [cvillette](#)

[April 29 2008, 22:09:11 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Yeah, I'm awake now!

I think the MP5 would be a bit hard on the civilians when making house calls.

 [eljefe](#)

[April 29 2008, 22:13:52 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

You could get a silencer. Or one of these:

Show media

subtle, no? *laughs*



[I've got a guitar in a machine gun case....](#)

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I guess I could take up fiddle.



 [dedoc](#)

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I'll see your HK, and raise you a Magpul... oh, heavens, just have a look:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=D99NHb6B03s>

Unfortunately for my Inner Gunn, I don't work anywhere which would allow me to have Magpul ramp up to produce one.

 [eljefe](#)

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Yeah, I saw that. Last I heard, they are talking about producing it.

 [izzylobo](#)

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I *believe* that the reports from the 2008 SHOT show are that Bushmaster will be producing a version of it as the Bushmaster ACR. MSRP around \$1500 - so moderate-high end for a civilian Black Gun.

(I sorta like the Magpul PDR - PDW sized weapon, but chambered in 5.56 NATO. I have absolutely no use for a gun like this - but it's still sorta damn cool).

 [mearn4d10](#)

[April 30 2008, 01:42:10 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

...see, this is why I love taking to Gunnies. THEY KNOW THIS STUFF IS OUT THERE. Anyone care to take bets on how many GMs I've confuddled by replicating an ACTUAL weapon/prototype in one of their games?



 [cvillette](#)

[May 2 2008, 19:44:30 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

(In all seriousness, there is an MP5 10 mm lurking in my safe. I do not own it; it belongs to Uncle Sam. But I do take it out and put some rounds through it every once in a while, as a sort of propitiation. However, most of my job is talking to people, and they sometimes freak out enough even over the hip holster. Heavy iron is not what you need to bring on a victim interview.)



 [salanthe_b](#)

[April 29 2008, 23:35:08 UTC](#)

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[COLLAPSE](#)

Good grief. I didn't even know the things could *do* that...

Glad to hear you're not hurt.

 [izzylobo](#)

[April 30 2008, 02:28:31 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

I didn't know they did that either. Well, I mean, in the abstract (rounds have all sorts of interesting failure modes in guns - case blowouts, case separations, hang fires, slamfires, misfires, runaways and gangfires, squibs that leave a bullet half-way up the barrel*) - but the idea that Glocks do that often enough they have a name for it**?

[[xxxxxes out "Glock" on his "potential carry piece" list]]

Yeah. I'll stick with something a little less scary, when it comes time to buy a belt accessory...

*This happened to me not too long ago - thank goodness it was accompanied by a case blowout that threw smoke out the chamber in large quantities, and was down low enough that not only was it pretty obvious the barrel was obstructed, the rifle wouldn't chamber another round. Now the bullet is sitting on my monitor, as a reminder that Sometimes Shit Happens Even When You're Careful.

**"I don't know what's scarier, losing a nuclear weapon, or that it happens so often there's actually a *term* for it." - Giles Prentice, *Broken Arrow*



 [inaurolillium](#)

[April 30 2008, 02:12:22 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

You need one of those goo guns the SF authors tell us are coming. The ones that shoot lots and lots of little strands of shrinking nanotech-enhanced vinyl goo that wrap up the bad guy in a cocoon and stick him to himself. You just need to remember to cut air holes.



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[April 30 2008, 02:26:32 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

That and the gecko-shoes and gecko-gloves...

I could be Spiderman!



 [inaurolillium](#)

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[COLLAPSE](#)

sings

Spider-Chaz, Spider-Chaz, does whatever a Spider-Chaz does...

Well, you already go round saving people's lives, yes? Saved the world yet? You're getting there.



 [cvillette](#)

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Can't. Give. Up.

Can't. Pass. Out.



 [bunny_m](#)

[April 30 2008, 05:11:59 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Shouldn't that be Gecko-Chaz, etc, etc?



 [inaurolillium](#)

[April 30 2008, 11:03:11 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

He's the one who said he could be Spiderman. I just went with it.

 [izzylobo](#)

[April 30 2008, 02:30:05 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Glad you're okay, dude. Sucks when stuff like that happens on the range. Sucks more when it happens in the field. Sucks even more than that when it happens and someone gets hurt.

Glad that only sucked a little.



 [cvillette](#)

[April 30 2008, 03:50:30 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

It was a minor suckage, truly.

Three things!

1) Okay, 0., She Wants Revenge = yes. It's like the Eighties rose up from the grave and came looking

Experimental Whole Wheat Green Chile Robot Bread #1

Yes, baking with your hands is more fun. And the results have a better texture, and taste better.

[locked] Dream Journal

All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If the dreams are you cleaning